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SUBJECT:HIJACKING BY CROATIAN NATIONALISTS

1. YUGOSLAV CHARGE PETKOVIC, ON INSTRUCTIONS, MADE DEMARCHE TO DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY EAGLEBURGER AT 0730 ON SEPTEMBER 11 TO PROTEST REPORTED (BY REUTERS) FBI DISTRIBUTION OF MANIFESTO TO THE PRESS. PETKOVIC SAID THE GOY REGARDS DISSEMINATION OF THE DOCUMENT AS AN UNFRIENDLY ACT AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF YUGOSLAVIA AND DEMANDS THAT ITS PUBLICATION BE STOPPED. THE GOY REITERATES THAT THIS LATEST TERRORIST CRIME CONFIRMS ITS EARLIER WARNINGS ABOUT THE TERRORIST NATURE OF CERTAIN CROATIAN EMIGRE GROUPS. THE CRIME ALSO CONFIRMS THE FACT THAT THE USG HAS NOT YET UNCOVERED ANY OF THE INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN EARLIER TERRORIST CRIMES. CONCLUDING HIS FORMAL PRESENTATION, PETKOVIC ADDED THAT WE ALL KNOW THAT WHAT IS NECESSARY IS TO PUNISH THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE CRIMES.

2. EAGLEBURGER CAUTIONED THAT HIS REMARKS WOULD BE A PERSONAL, TOTALLY UNINSTRUCTED REACTION AND HE EXPECTED A CONFIDENTIAL

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CONSIDERED RESPONSE LATER. NEVERTHELESS, HE ASKED PETKOVIC

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TO REPORT HIS REACTION. EAGLEBURGER THEN SAID THAT HE HAD HOPED PETKOVIC HAD COME TO PROVIDE US INFORMATION ON THE GROUP THAT HAS PERPETRATED THE HIJACKING SINCE THAT COULD

HAVE BEEN HELPFUL TO US IN THIS IMMEDIATE CRISIS. EAGLE-BURGER EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT THE GOY HAS SEEN FIT TO LECTURE US AT A TIME WHEN WE ARE CONCERNED OVER THE LIVES OF SOME 40-50 PEOPLE. EAGLEBURGER OBSERVED THAT PETKOVIC'S STATEMENT CONTAINS NO REFERENCE TO ANY GOY CON-CERN FOR THE LIVES OF THOSE HIJACKED.

3. AGREEING THAT THE CRIME CONFIRMS THE TERRORIST NATURE OF A SMALL SEGMENT OF THE CROATIAN COMMUNITY, EAGLEBURGER SAID HE DOES NOT CONCEDE THAT WE HAVE NOT DONE ENOUGH. WE HAVE DONE EVERYTHING WE COULD UNDER THE LAW. WE DO NOT KNOW THAT THE TEXT WAS RELEASED BY THE FBI, BUT THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT IT IS IN THE HANDS OF THE NEW YORK TIMES. WE CANNOT ACCEPT THE GOY DEMAND THAT IT NOT BE PUBLISHED, FOR THERE IS NO LEGAL WAY WE CAN PREVENT THAT.

4. EAGLEBURGER CONTINUED THAT HE PERSONALLY FINDS THE GOY PROTEST IN EXTREMELY BAD TASTE AGAINST THE BACKGROUND THAT THE WELL-KNOWN, INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST-MURDERER "CARLOS" HAD THE FREE RUN OF BELGRADE ONLY A FEW DAYS AGO WITHOUT ANY ATTEMPT BY THE GOY TO ARREST HIM OR TAKE ACTION AGAINST HIM. THE GOY PROTEST STRIKES HOLLOW AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, ESPECIALLY WHEN 40-50 LIVES ARE IN THE HANDS OF TOTALLY UNPREDICTABLE CRIMINALS.

5. PETKOVIC RESPONDED THAT HE HAD REPORTED HIS SEPTEMBER 8 TALK WITH SONNENFELDT ABOUT CARLOS AND GOT THE REPLY THAT ALL SECURITY MEASURES WERE BEING TAKEN TO IDENTIFY HIM ON THE BASIS OF INTERPOL REPORTS. HE ADDED THAT THE GOY WAS NOT CERTAIN THAT THE REPORTS OF CARLOS' PRESENCE WERE TRUE.

6. PETKOVIC SAID THE YUGOSLAVS UNDERSTAND IT IS HARD FOR US TO KEEP THE TIMES FROM PUBLISHING BUT IF THE FBI DID PROVIDE THE TEXT, AS A REUTER REPORT HAS SAID, THIS IS SOMETHING THE USG SHOULD NOT HAVE DONE. EAGLEBURGER REPLIED THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IS UP TO US TO DECIDE. CONFIDENTIAL

HE POINTED OUT THAT IT IS OUR POLICY REGARDING TERRORISM NOT TO MAKE DEMANDS ON THE GOVERNMENT HAVING RESPONSIBILITY FOR A GIVEN SITUATION. WE ADVISE, BUT WE RESPECT ITS RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY TO HANDLE THE SITUATION AS IT DEEMS APPROPRIATE. WHAT THE USG DECIDES TO DO WITH THE CROATIAN NATIONALIST MANIFESTO IS OUR BUSINESS, AND NOT THAT OF THE GOY.

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7. CONCLUDING, EAGLEBURGER REITERATED THE FAILURE OF THE GOY TO TAKE NOTICE OF THE HUMANITARIAN ASPECT AND ADVISED THAT IN ANY PUBLIC STATEMENT THE GOY MAY MAKE (PETKOVIC SAID THE GOY MIGHT FIND IT NECESSARY TO COMMENT PUBLICLY ON THE FBI'S ROLE IN HANDING OVER THE MANIFESTO TO THE

NEWSPAPERS) THE GOY SHOULD HAVE THE GOOD TASTE TO EXPRESS CONCERN FOR THE LIVES AT STAKE. EAGLEBURGER ASSURED PETKOVIC HE WOULD CONVEY HIS REMARKS TO THE SECRETARY AT THEIR BREAKFAST IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH PETKOVIC. KISSINGER

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